

U.S. CRS++ CY2013 Table Submission

As a member of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) the U.S. Government agrees to several reporting requirements, the largest being the CRS++ Submission. The CRS++ Submission is the foundation of the OECD/DAC's CRS Aid Activity Database, reporting the detailed financial flows of Official Development Assistance (ODA) of Donors to recipient countries and multilateral organizations. In addition to ODA, the CRS++ Submission includes, in less detail, other official and private flows to recipient countries

U.S. METHODOLOGY:

Data Collection:

The data reported in the U.S CRS++ Table Submission dataset are reported to USAID's Economic Analysis and Data Services (EADS) team by all U.S. Government Agencies, Departments and Offices that undertake foreign assistance. Data collection begins in January for the previous fiscal and calendar year's data. Since 2012, per [OMB Bulletin b12-01](#), the Office of Management and Budget is responsible for the formal solicitation to agencies and offices that are involved in foreign assistance activities.

Processing Data Submissions:

Data is typically received in a standard Excel format. The data is processed, converted, and stored in a common format in USAID's Foreign Assistance Database (FADB). Agencies, Departments and Offices have their own conventions for the names of countries and channels of aid delivery. Those names are mapped to a standard within the FADB.

Data Accuracy Verification:

While processing the data received from the client, staff members check the numbers in the transactions datasets against spending for past years and the raw data received from the U.S. Government agency or office. Figures are checked to ensure there are no duplicates within submissions and that no records are missing required values. Figures are also checked against the federal budget and the Department of Treasury's *Monthly Treasury Statement*. Where alternative sources of obligation and disbursement amounts, such as the Foreign Assistance Dashboard, are available, an assessment of the alternate source is undertaken. Staff members also look across agencies, to ensure that there is no double-counting of funds that are transferred from one agency to another.

Once the data collection, submission, and verification processes are completed, these data are used to generate the U.S CRS++ Table Submission following the agreed methodology defined in the [Converged Statistical Reporting Directives for the Credit Reporting System and the Annual DAC Questionnaire](#).

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